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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR [REDACTED] 25X1A

STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION

CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//DINFO [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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ITEM NO: 2

DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA--CROWN PRINCE WILLING TO RETURN

REF : AP TICKER, 23 SEPT 74, UNCLAS

CROWN PRINCE ASFA WOSSEN REPORTEDLY HAS ANNOUNCED HIS WILLINGNESS TO RETURN TO ETHIOPIA IF HE RECEIVES AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM THE COUNTRY'S PRESENT MILITARY RULERS. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS MONTH IT HAD NAMED HIM TO BE A FIGUREHEAD KING.

THE 58-YEAR-OLD ASFA WOSSEN SUFFERED A SEVERE STROKE 30 MONTHS AGO, AND HAS ONLY LIMITED ABILITY TO SPEAK AND WALK. HE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE MILITARY'S UNREMITTING AND ABUSIVE ANTI-MONARCHIAL PROPAGANDA, AND HIS TREATMENT AT THE HANDS OF THE MILITARY IS UNCERTAIN. THE MILITARY MAY HAVE NAMED ASFA WOSSEN ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE FOR UNWILLING TO RETURN.

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